

REMARKS

Claims 4, 32 and 36 are amended. Claims 1-39 are in the application for consideration.

The undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for conducting the interview on March 3, 2003. The substance of the interview was discussion of the points raised in the Office Action formally filed on February 18, 2003, and the amendments which are made herein.

Claim 32 is herein amended to recite filling of the subject trench with trench isolation material. It was agreed during the conference that such would overcome the rejection over Ochii, subject to the Examiner's further consideration and search.

Claim 36 is amended to recite that the insulative material is also formed to within the isolation trench. The specification is also amended, as requested by the Examiner, and as fully supported in the drawings as-filed. It was agreed during the conference that such would overcome the rejection over Ochii, subject to the Examiner's further consideration and search.

This application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance and action to that end is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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